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SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI : —" ஏழைகளின் உணவு பதனீர். அவர்கள் அதை ஏராளமாக வாங்கி சாப்பிடத் தயாராக இருக்கிறார்கள். இந்த நிலைமையில் தாராளமாக licence வழங்குவதற்கு ஏன் தயங்கவேண்டும்? தயங்காமல் licence வழங்குவதற்கு நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்படுமா ? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" The Government will have no objection to issue licences if the hon. Member will stand surety for the individual's respect and responsibility." (Laughter.)

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The Hon. the Minister for Prohibition was just now saying that permits were given to tap neera (sweet toddy) in Malabar also. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state at least one place where permit was given to tap neera, that is, for drinking, and not for manufacturing jaggery? In that sense, is there any place in Malabar where permit for tapping neera was given? As far as my information goes, no such permit was given."

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" The presumption of the hon. Member is quite correct, Sir. No permit was given in the Malabar district for tapping of neera to be used as beverage."

Assignment of poramboke lands close to village sites.

* 348 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state how poramboke lands lying close to village sites are dealt with in the matter of assignment according to G.O. No. 1523, Revenue, dated 11th June 1949?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Porambokes are normally not assigned. If porambokes close to village sites are in excess of requirement of the communal purpose for which they were set apart, the excess is utilized for other communal purposes. If there is still any excess, it may be assigned if there are no other lands available for assignment in the taluk."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" What are the communal purposes for which these porambokes are intended? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" For grazing, cattle-stand and for so many other purposes. I think the hon. Member also knows about it."

Stationing of fire engines in South Arcot district.

* 349 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal for stationing fire engines in each of the taluks of South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government have no such proposal at present."